

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method for manufacturing a press fabric for a
paper machine includes the attachment of a strip of
top laminate layer material to a base fabric using a
heat-activated adhesive film. The top laminate layer
10 material may be a woven fabric, a nonwoven mesh, or a
thermoplastic sheet material, and, in any case, has
the heat-activated adhesive film bonded to one of its
two sides. The strip of top laminate layer material
and heat-activated adhesive film together form a
15 multi-component strip, which is spiralled onto the
outer surface of the base fabric, with the side of the
strip of top laminate layer material having the heat-
activated adhesive film against the outer surface, in
a closed helix, and bonded thereto with heat and
20 pressure. The portions of the multi-component strip
overhanging the lateral edges of the base fabric are
then trimmed, and a staple fiber batt is needled into
and through the top laminate layer formed by the
multi-component strip to firmly attach it to the base
fabric.